

## Message Text

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GENEVA FOR MTN; DEPARTMENT PASS STR (HATHAWAY)

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, BE  
SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 13719 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 167575

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BELGIAN LAWS DEALING WITH COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING (REF A), MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS/DE GAVRE) HAS INFORMED US THAT ARTICLE 13 OF THE UNIFORM BENELUX LAW ON TRADEMARKS PROVIDES THE DEFINITIONS OF COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING APPLICABLE UNDER BELGIAN (AS WELL AS DUTCH AND LUXEMBOURG) LAW. THIS ARTICLE IS FROM THE CONVENTION OF 19 MARCH 1962, AND BECAME EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1971.

2. ARTICLES 8 THROUGH 15 OF THE BELGIAN LAW OF 1 APRIL 1879, STILL IN FORCE, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS ON COMMERCIAL COUNTERFEITING, INCLUDING FINES AND  
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PRISON SENTENCES. AS EMBASSY READS IT, ARTICLE 12 OF THIS LAW PROVIDES FOR THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF THE COUNTERFEIT GOODS. FINES AS SET OUT IN ARTICLES 8 AND 10 OF THE 1879 LAW HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED BY A GENERAL LAW ALIGNING FINES TO MODERN CURRENCY VALUES.

3. COPIES OF THESE LAWS ARE BEING POUCHED TO STR FOR

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